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Sir:

Applicants herewith submit one set of originals of six (6) sheets of formal drawings in connection with the above-identified patent application.

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